



The International
Propeller Club
of the United States

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Historic Site and Monument Commission
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission
110 East State Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Dear Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Port of Savannah Chapter of the Propeller Club of the United States, thank you for your consideration of the request to relocate The Waving Girl monument from the east end of Savannah's River Street to a more prominent location proposed at the transition to the new section of the River Walk being constructed concurrently with the Plant Riverside redevelopment project.

Many of you know the story of Florence Martus, a woman who dedicated her life to greeting the ships and sailors visiting the Port of Savannah for more than four decades. The story of the waving girl has endured through generations of sailors around the world, and in 1972 The Waving Girl monument was commissioned and erected on River Street to continue Florence's mission to ensure that Savannah welcome the ships and sailors making port of call here. For many years it served that purpose well, but physical changes to the east end of River Street in the form of new walkways, park space, trees, and additional landscaping have made it very difficult to see the monument from the Savannah River. Many of our maritime visitors receive only a glimpse of the monument that was meant to be seen from a distance on the approach.

For years, the Propeller Club - Port of Savannah, as the steward of the monument, has explored options for elevating or relocating the monument to return it to its original intention. The proposed location on the new western River Walk will both elevate the monument and place it at the edge of the Savannah River, at the bend in the shipping channel that leads into the Port of Savannah. This will allow the monument to be highly visible to ships both entering and leaving the port, and it affords magnificent long views up and down the channel.

The Propeller Club has worked closely with the designers and engineers of the new River Walk to develop a plan that will return The Waving Girl to prominence on the Savannah River. We endorse this plan and respectfully ask that you support the petition for relocation before your Commission.

Sincerely,


Lynn Brennan
President